

# Spring News



**O**N THE first day of July, 1918, we decided to change our business to a cash business. Since that time our business has increased every month "There is a reason for this." When we made the change we told you that we would give you better service and sell for less. We are doing both. If you will compare our prices with others you will see that this statement is true. The policy of this store is to treat everyone alike. Our goods are marked in plain figures, and everyone pays the same price for them and gives us the money when he receives the goods.

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YOURS FOR A BIGGER AND BETTER CLOVIS IN 1919

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### PLEASANT HILL GEMS

Mrs. Bazzill left Thursday for Missouri to visit her father who is reported very sick.

The Pleasant Hill basketball teams played Friday and won both games. Girls score 8 to 10; boys 4 to 5.

A. L. Hartzog was very much surprised last Friday evening when a very jolly crowd of young folks gathered at his home for a few hours of fun before saying good bye as Mr. Hartzog will soon be leaving for Sweetwater, Texas. Everybody reported having a good time.

Pleasant Hill first and second team basketball girls are expecting to play Bovine, Friday, 14th. Every body cordially invited to witness these games as they will likely be the last girls game for the season.

Rev. Culpepper of the First Baptist Church of Clovis came out and preached a very interesting sermon. He was accompanied by a number of friends, and welcome Rev. Culpepper back at his time.

The graduating class of 1917 with money from their treasury bought a flag curtain for the stage of the auditorium. Mrs. Cone who is a very talented artist is painting the scene. They are all looking forward to this at improvement.

The High School is preparing for a play for the night of April 10th. Please remember this date and miss it.

Rev. R. L. Day is coming back to

Pleasant Hill in a few days. He told a piano agent that he wanted the best piano money could buy.

CHIZARCO.

### Additional Pleasant Hill News

The health of our community is very good at this writing.

The basketball girls and boys of this place gave Claud a visit last Friday. Claud just has a girls team of basketball. The girls played a fine but close game. But after so long Pleasant Hill came out victorious. Three cheers to Prof. Bazzill, you can not find a better referee anywhere. If so we would like to see him.

Sunday School is progressing nicely at this place. Bro. L. L. Thurston preaches in the afternoon of the second and fourth Sundays.

The thresher has been around in this community threshing here and there till they have threshed most everywhere.

Who do you think goes with Frank now-a-days?

We think some one has beat the soldier boys time. I wouldn't think the dormitory would look very good to him now.

Paul Spearman tied his horse up for awhile at the dormitory Sunday.

What has become of Ellis here lately Ellen? Has the wind been so strong as to blow him away? We didn't think he was that little and light.

Harry Hingate, Miss Wilson, Miss Jewel Timmons and Jerry Blackwell was visitors at Miss Dessie Singletary Sunday.

Paul Spearman is said to have the

### BRYAN ITEMS

We suppose the most interesting thing to talk about now is oil, but we don't know just what to say—however a part of most farms around here has been leased.

Cecil Hill has the mumps and most all the school kiddies of Ranchvale are looking for a like misfortune to befall them at any time.

The school truck was disabled on the way home from school Friday evening; some of the boys and girls had to walk home, while others spent the night with the nearest neighbors, said truck was left at Jesse Lee's until Sunday when Mr. Hill had it brought in and ready for running again on Monday morning.

Rev. Giles failed to fulfill his appointment to preach at Bryan on the 23rd, on account of himself being sick.

A farmers meeting at Ranchvale was held Tuesday the 4th inst. The following speakers were on hand: Supt. Jas. M. Bickley, C. W. Harrison of the First National Bank of Clovis, Mr. Peterson the County Agricultural Agent and a gentleman from Washington. A large crowd of farmers and others were present.

Messrs. Armp and Horace Miller were seen on their way to the wheat field north of the draw on Monday morning where they expect to put in another week's work.

C. M. Steed and Jesse Lee were visitors to town on Monday.

William Black has moved to his home near Clovis.

B. F. Hall's renter (we have not learned his name yet) moved to Mr. Hall's place here a few days since.

Those who have broom corn to sell yet are looking for a new buyer now any day to buy their broom corn.

L. S. S.

### WINDS AID IN CONSTRUCTING SAND ROADS IN NEW MEXICO

(From Engineering and Contracting Magazine)

A radical departure from old methods of building roads across extensive stretches of sand has been employed successfully in the construction of some 80 miles of highway in New Mexico. The method, in brief, is to make a cut in the sand to the underlying clay and then let the wind widen this cut. The method was developed by D. W. Jones, District Highway Super-

intendent of Curry, De Baca, Roosevelt and Guadalupe Counties, New Mexico, and was described by him in the January Highway Magazine.

The first highway constructed by this method was the Delphos Road in Roosevelt County. The route ran through a sand bed 9 miles long, 7 miles of which consisted of sand more than 30 in. deep with pockets of unknown depth. A state road outfit in charge of Mr. Jones handled the work. The right of way was cleared of weeds and grass and the sand excavated down to hard pan. Fresnoes were used for moving the sand, which was deposited in spoil banks. The width of the cut at the bottom was about 12 ft. A narrow strip of clay road between high walls of loose sand was constructed, and left to action of the wind. The spring and fall winds swept away the sand remaining on the clay surface and widened the highway from its original width of 12 ft. to 33 ft. for the entire length of 9 miles.

The surface of the clay was very irregular and there were sand pockets ranging from 30 in. to 5 ft. in depth. This surface was not graded off until the waste piles had disappeared and the widening of the road by wind scouring had taken place. If the pockets were less than 30 in. deep they were left to the action of the wind and the wheels of vehicles. If they were more than 30 in. deep clay was hauled in and used to fill them.

The Delphos Road was constructed in 1915. The road cost less than \$500 per mile, which figures includes some betterment work done during the following year. The maintenance cost in 1918 was only about 20 per cent of the cost of maintaining the adjoining Clovis-Portales Roads "plated" road, the original cost of which was more than \$2,000 per mile.

The results obtained on the Delphos Road were so successful that this method was adopted for a dozen different sand beds in eight counties of the state. After the Delphos job the others followed in rapid succession. The most important are: The Clovis-Melrose sand bed, 7 miles long; the Kenna-Chaves County sand bed, 6.3 miles long; the Fort Sumner-Rioardo sand, 10 miles; the Evanola-Yaso sand, 5 miles; the Thompson-Near Road, 9 miles; the Elda-Jenkins Road, 10 miles; the Portales-Loving Road and the Alamogordo-Newman (El Paso) Road. The latter two had more than 30 miles of sand beds, sand hills and sand dunes and other complications of this material. All these

roads are opened today and in almost every instance just where they were the worst before treatment they are now the best.

### PNEUMONIA INNOCULATION PROVES BENEFICIAL

(From the New York Sun)

Only one case of pneumonia has developed among 17,507 soldiers at Camp Dix who have taken the new anti-pneumonia vaccine treatment, while among un inoculated troops in camp a score have died from pneumonia in the last two months, according to a report made by Lieut. Col. O. I. Berry, camp surgeon, on the results to date of the use of the vaccine here.

In the one case where pneumonia appeared among inoculated men the disease developed two days after inoculation, indicating that the patient had contracted the disease prior to taking the vaccine. The results of the use of vaccine here have been so satisfactory that Major General Scott has urged that every returning overseas soldier take the treatment prior to discharge. In the use of the influenza

vaccine the results to date have not been so positive. In several instances the disease has developed among soldiers who have taken this treatment. The army, therefore, is not recommending the use of influenza vaccine as now produced.

Another important fact established by the camp surgeon's office is the proof that one attack of influenza does not leave the patient immune for a recurrence of the disease. In eleven cases where soldiers suffered from influenza, recovered and rejoined their organizations they contracted the disease again after a lapse of several weeks. Colonel Berry says this record carries a warning to thousands throughout the country who have recovered from attacks that they should use every precaution to avoid another bout with the germs.

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